Narberth Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1962

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present to you my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1962.

Infectious Disease

Apart from food poisoning little anxiety has been caused by infectious disease during recent years, but the outbreaks of smallpox which occurred during 1962 make one realise how important it is that all infants are vaccinated so that some definite immunity exists in the community as a whole.

Water Supply

As stated in the Annual Report for 1961, our most serious public health problem is still the lack of an adequate water supply. Progress has been made on the scheme to abstract water from the Eastern Cleddau but the contruction of a new reservoir at Castle Merhen has not yet been commenced.

Sewerage Schemes

A number of schemes are being considered, with priority for Saundersfoot, but progress is very slow in spite of the urgent need.

Progress has been made in the Saundersfoot area with housing and more is planned.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation, and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1962..

.....9,950.....

	Narberth R.D.1962	Narberth R.D.1961	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births	150	129		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.07	12.97	17.42	18.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	2.0	4.65		
Still Births	2	5		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	13.15	37.31	24.08	18.[illegible]
Total Live and Still Births	152	134		
Infant Deaths	1	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 year) (per 1,000 Live Births) - total	6.66	23.25	31.46	21.4
- legitimate	6.8	24.4		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	6.66	7.75	20.9	15.[illegible]
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week) (per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	7.75	19.12	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births combined) (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	13.15	44.77	42.74	

The infant mortality rate shows a decrease this year, only 1 death of an infant under one year of age having occurred. This was due to congenital malformation and prematurity at 2 weeks of age.

Maternal Deaths	nil	1		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	7.5	nil	0.35
Deaths	124	125		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.46	12.6	12.85	11.9

The general death rate remains lower than the rate for the County but is still a little higher than that for England and Wales.

Heart disease accounted for 48 of the total number of 124 deaths this year. 2 of the 9 deaths from cancer were due to cancer of the lung. One was a man aged 53 who had been a very heavy smoker of cigarettes for many years and the other was a woman aged 79, a non-smoker all her life.

Approximately 57.25% of the total number of deaths were of persons aged over 80 years.

Causes of Death	Male	Female
TOTAL (All causes)	77	47
Respiratory Tuberculosis	2	1
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	4	-
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	1	1
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	4
Leukaemia, aleukaemia,	1	-
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	10
Coronary disease, angina,	15	4
Hypertension with heart disease	4	4
Other heart disease	11	10
Other circulatory disease	1	-
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	-	3
Bronchitis	4	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1 Respiratory Tuberculosis
1 Whooping Cough

TUBERCULOSIS

There were three deaths from respiratory tuberculosis this year and one new case was notified.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. Clinic sessions are held as required and the schools are also visited. During 1962 2 contacts and 49 school leavers(i.e. pupils aged thirteen years and over) were vaccinated. Dr.D.Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clin..

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Narberth during November and carried out a survey of the general population. 171 people took advantage of this service and the results are as follows:-

	Grand Total	Male	Female
Total No.examined	171	81	90
No.found to be abnormal	31(18.13%)	17	14
No.requiring further observation	5(2.92%)	1	4
Other abnormalities of the chest	26(15.21%)	16	10

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Vaccination — Records were received this year of 1,301 primary vaccinations against smallpox and 2,044 re-vaccinations.

Immunisation — Records were received of 108 complete immunisations against diphtheria and 11 re-inforcing injections. Also received were 101 complete immunisations against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for records received each quarter by your Medical Officer, and sessions are also held at the Clinic.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During 1962 the County Health Authority changed over from using the Salk vaccine to the Sabin vaccine, which is given orally. This method has been found to be effective and is much appreciated by patients and their parents.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

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